

Increase in slums

†1699. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan to check rapid increase in slums in cities; and

(b) the total population of the country living in such slums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) For integrated development of slums through projects for providing shelter, basic services and other related civic amenities to the urban poor, a sub-Mission of Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) as part of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has been launched in select 63 cities with effect from 3.12.2005. In other cities and other towns an Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) has also been launched alongwith JNNURM. Both BSUP and IHSDP are demand driven programmes for which State/Urban Local Bodies/Parastatal agencies have to submit Project proposals as per the programme guidelines for getting Central Assistance.

(b) As per Census-2001, the total population of the country living in slums in cities with more than 5000 population is 42,578,150.

Foreign private players in realty sector

†1700. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to allow foreign private players in the realty sector;

(b) whether multinational Real Estate majors like Morgan Stanely Warlous Pineus and others would be allowed to set up township and hotels in Indian land; and

(c) whether Government would allow these companies to take over agricultural lands?

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